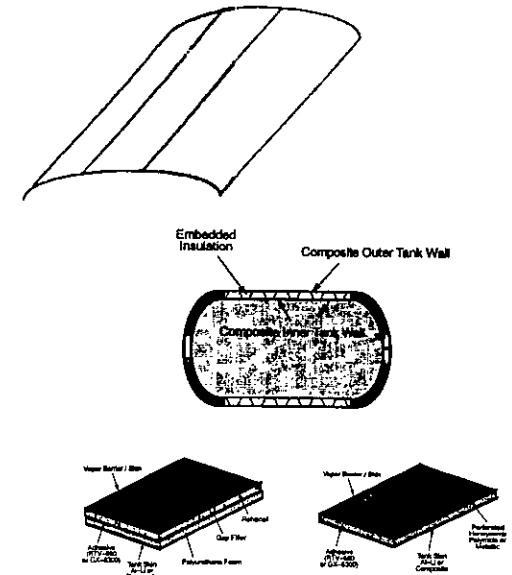


### Reusable Cryo Tank Systems

- Lined vs. Unlined Systems
- Alternate Geometry's (e.g., MultiLobe)
- Alternate Cryo Insul. Arch's
- Tagged Adhesives for Foam Bonding

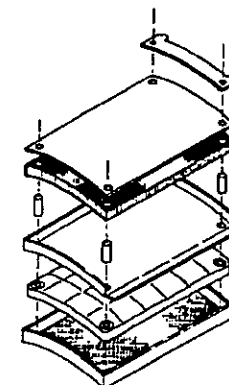
- Metalized Polymeric Liner on IM7/977 Composite Characterization
- Four Tank Concepts
- 24" Tanks for Cryocycling (4)
- 5' x 5' Composite Curved Panel (2)
  - w/ Insul, Recert Sys.
- 5' x 5' Al-Li Curved Panel (1)
  - w/ Insul, Recert Sys.
- 3' x 3' Structural Joint (1)
- Three Insulation Concepts (Layered Foam, Honeycomb, Embedded Foam)
  - Al-Li and Composite Panels and 18" Tanks
- NDE/VHM Sensors for Recert. and Analytical Tools



### Thermal Protection Systems

- Alternate Metallic Designs
- Only C/C Effort

- 3 Metallic Concepts
  - Panels
  - Robustness & Arc Jet Testing
  - Post Damage Performance
- Ox Resistant C/C
  - Panels
  - Robustness & Arc Jet Testing
  - Post Damage Performance
- Attachment of Metallic TPS
  - Thermo -Vibro-Acoustic Testing



### Operations

- Reduced Manpower
- Reduced Turnaround Time
- Increased Mission Success Rate

### • IVHM

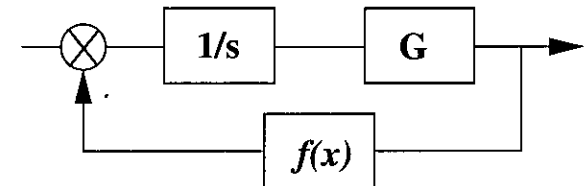
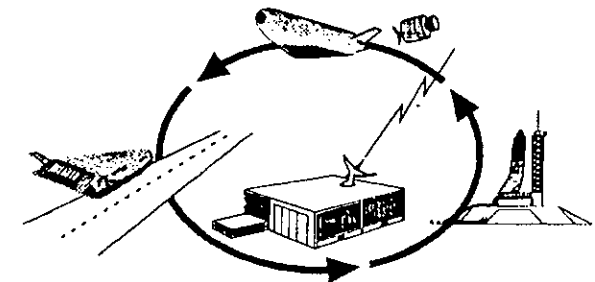
- Simulated RLV Mission w/Failures
- Integrated Fault Tolerant Arch Lab in Avionics Facility in Denver
- Network Multiple Subsystems:
  - Core: Avionics Lab (Denver)
  - Proto. Control Center (MAST)
  - STS MPS Test Rig (LSOC)
  - Cryo Tank VHM (MSFC)
  - RCS Controls Lab (JSC)
  - EMA Testbed (Denver)

### • Propulsion Sys Diagnostics

- Expert Systems, AI (A/C)
- Integrate STS MPS Test Rig w/ On-board VHM & BIT
- MAST Lab Simulations
- Compare w/ STS Op's

### • Adaptive GN&C (Ascent, Rendezvous, Land)

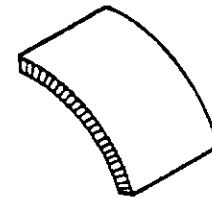
- Develop Generic Arch.
- Rapid Prototyping/Commercial Tool Approach
- Simulation



### K3B Thermoplastic Cryo Tanks

- Vs. Thermoset
- Higher Temp.
- Lighter Weight

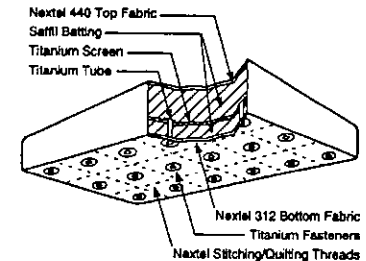
- IM7/K3B (YF22 Wing)
- Sandwich Constuction
- Laminate & Honeycomb Coupons
- Thermal Conductivity
- Buckling & Cyclic Panels (w/Joints)
- Large 5' x 5' Curved Panel
- Test at Cryo and 400° F Temp's



### Mechanical Attachment of Flexible TPS

- Vs. Direct Bond
- Simplified Op's
- Higher Temp.

- TABI and AFRSI
- Vibroacoustic and Arc Jet Tests
- 12 Attachment Concepts
- 15 - 12" Square Segments

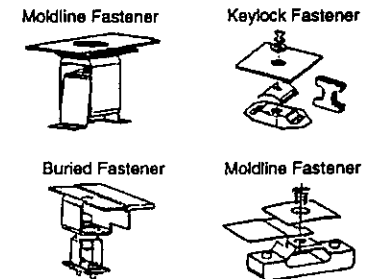


*Candidate Concepts*

### Mechanical Attachment of Metallic & CMC TPS

- Alternate Methods (Only 1 in Current Efforts)
- Historical Problem Area

- Metallic and CMC
- Vibroacoustic, Thermostructural Tests, & Arc Jet
- 8 Attachment Concepts
- 6" Square Segments



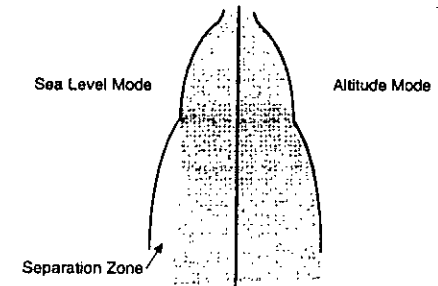
# **X 33** McDonnell Douglas / Boeing Demonstrations

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## **Dual Bell Nozzles**

- More Optimum Performance Over Trajectory
- Reduced Startup Loads

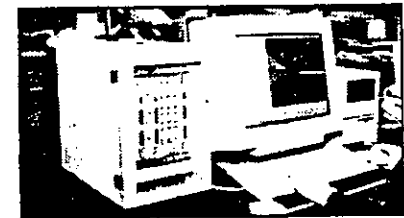
- Rocketdyne
- CFD Analyses: Contours and  $\epsilon$
- 14 " Cold Flow Wind Tunnel Tests: Performance, Flow Transition, Slipstream, Control



## **Autonomous Abort Technology**

- Higher Mission Success Rate
- Reduced Manpower

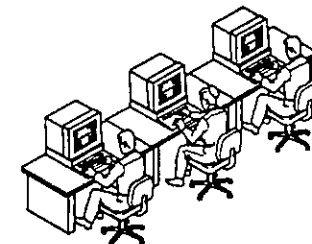
- Develop Adaptive Guidance Algorithms
- Develop Adaptive Control Algorithms
- Integrate into MIDS 6 DOF Simulator (Rapid Prototyping): Real Time Tests
- Integrate into MSFC MAST and C/O (extensive failure simulation)
- Compare MIDS to MAST Results



## **Automated Mission Planning**

- Reduced Manpower
- Reduced Turnarond Time

- Develop Generic Vehicle Elements Database
- Develop Algorithms and Interfaces
- Develop & Integrate Code
- FOCC/DC-XA On-Site Simulation



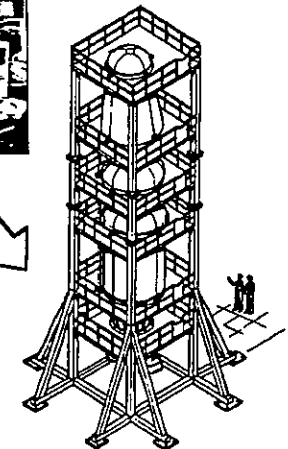
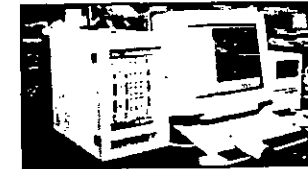
### **Automate:**

- Mission Design
- Std Mission Mod's
- Hdwre, Payload, Environment Updates
- Optimization
- Post Flight Debrief

### Informed Maintenance

- Reduced Manpower
- Reduced Turnaround Time
- Derived from A/C

- Northrup Grumman/FedX
- On Board Fault Prediction, Detect, Ident, Reconfig (FPDIR)
- "Paperless" Systems w/ Portable Maintenance Aids
- Informed Maintenance Schedulers
- Tested on IPTD (Maintenance Database)



**IPTD**

### Integrated Avionics/Software/VHM

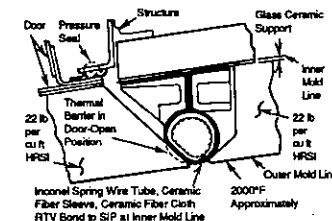
- Reduced Development and Maintenance Cost thru Modularity and Automation

- Develop Integrated Avionics Systems Architecture & Reusable Algorithms
- Rapid Prototyping (Commercial Tools)
- Integrate Software and Commercial Hdwre into LVIT, MAST Simulators

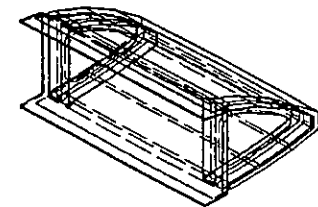
### Leading Edge and Thermal Seals

- Increased Robustness
- Reduced Maintenance Req'ts
- Reduced Weight

- SIRCA Tile Covered Leading Edge
- 2" Sq Coupons and 6" Sq Tiles
- Arc Jet & Robustness Testing (Rain, Hypervelocity, Tool Damage Effects)



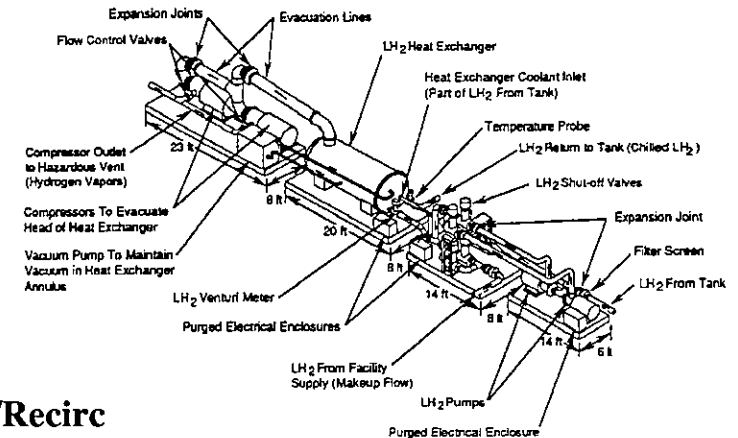
- New Seal Designs / Materials (Nextel)
  - Orbiter / NASP Lessons Learned
- 6" x 0.5" D Specimens
- Compression and Arc Jet Testing



### Propellant Densification

- Lighter Vehicle Dry Weight (15-20%)  
(Reduced Pressure and  $\rho$ )
- No On-Pad Venting Req'd

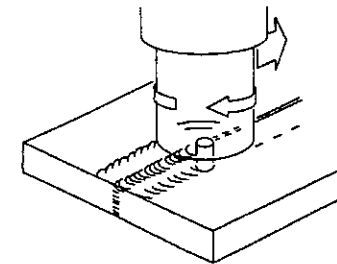
- **Subcool LOX 21.3°R**  
( $\Delta\rho=3.2 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ,  $\Delta p_v=11.2 \text{ psi}$ )
- **Subcool LH<sub>2</sub> 8.5°R**  
( $\Delta\rho=0.29 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ,  $\Delta p_v=12.2 \text{ psi}$ )
- **LOX and LH<sub>2</sub> Densifier /Recirc Units (Designed for IPTD)**
- **Operational Demo (Loading Time Savings ~ 3 hrs)**
- **Maintain Req'd  $\rho$  and press.**



### Friction Stir Welding for Al-Li

- Higher Quality Welds
- Twice Allowable Gap Width
- Faster, Simplified Welding

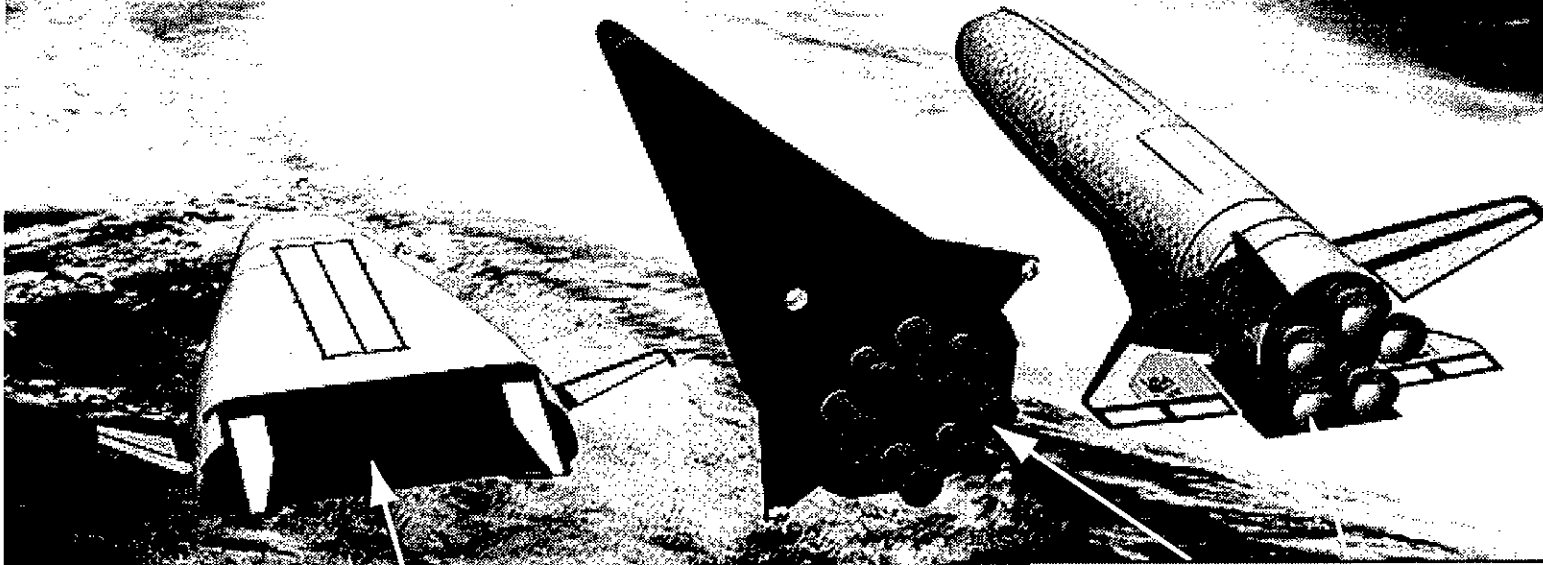
- **In-House MSFC Support Task**



# **Advanced Propulsion**

# Reusable Launch Vehicle Program

## Propulsion System Concept Options



J-2 Aerospike

- X-33
- RLV



RS-2200

- RLV



SSME-E

- X-33
- RLV



RS-2100

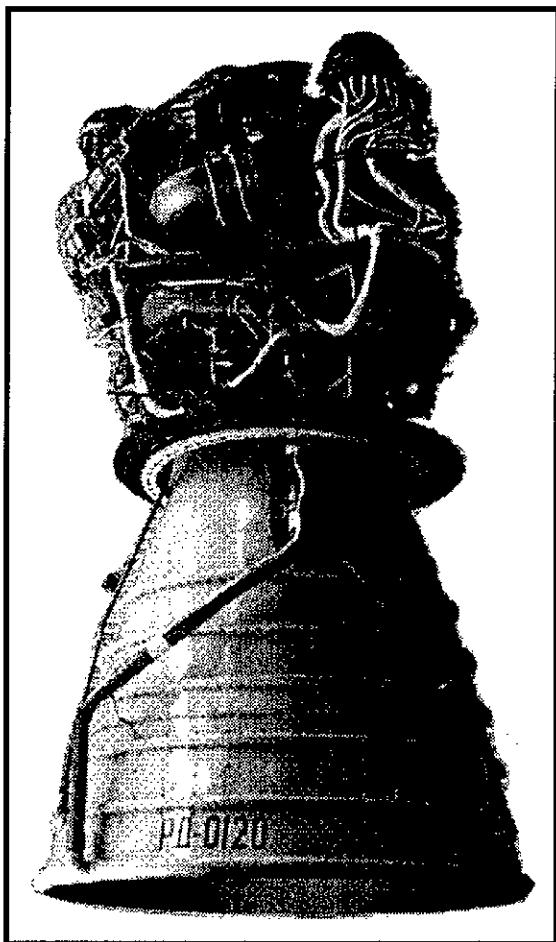
- RLV



RD-0120

- X-33
- RLV





### AEROJET/CADB Evolved RD-0120

#### Features

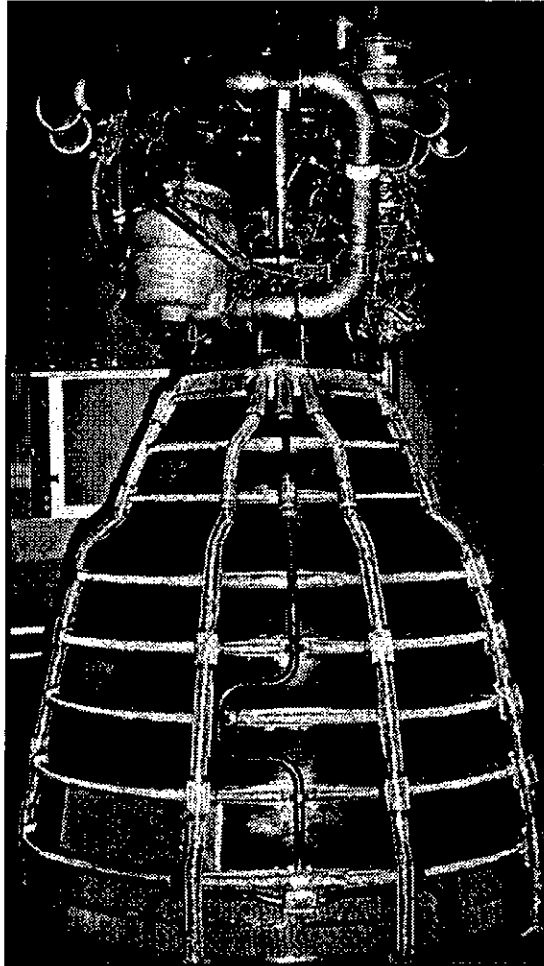
- Staged Combustion Cycle
- Fuel Rich Preburner
- RD-0120 Heritage

#### Supporting Technologies

- Life Extension
- Altitude Compensating Nozzle
- Composite Nozzle Extension
- Lightweight Nozzle
- Hardware-in-the-Loop Demonstration
- Operability Enhancements

#### Technology Base

- RD-0120
- STME



### ROCKETDYNE - Evolved SSME

#### Features

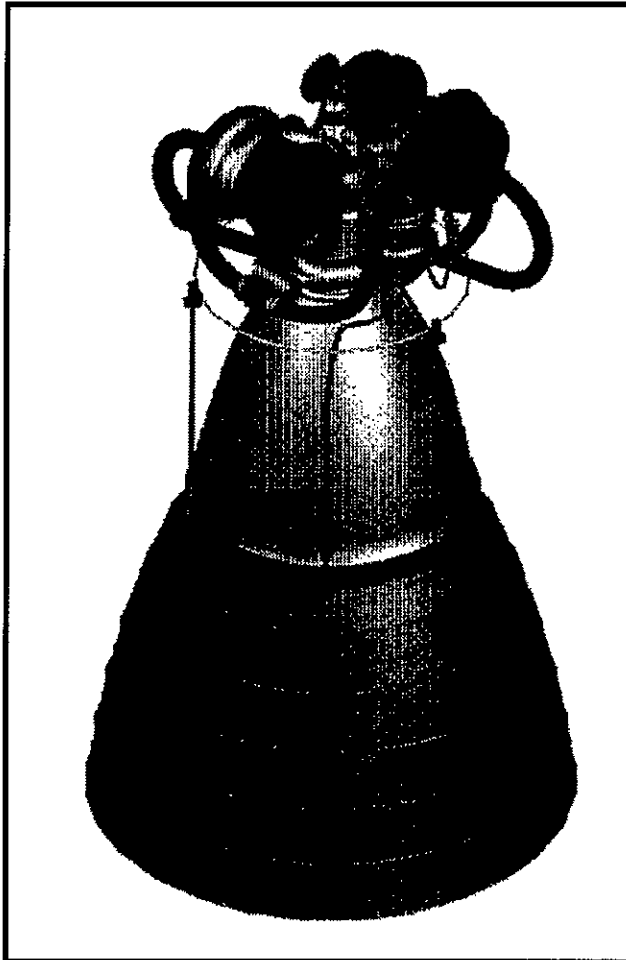
- Staged Combustion Cycle
- Fuel Rich Preburner
- Dual Expansion Ratio Fixed Bell Nozzle

#### Supporting Technologies

- UMCC/AMCC
- Jet Boost Pumps
- Dual Bell Nozzle
- Composite Nozzle
- Sector Ball Valves/EMAs
- Operability/Productibility/Weight Improvement
- Operations Validation

#### Technology Base

- STME
- SSME



### ROCKETDYNE - RS2100

#### Features

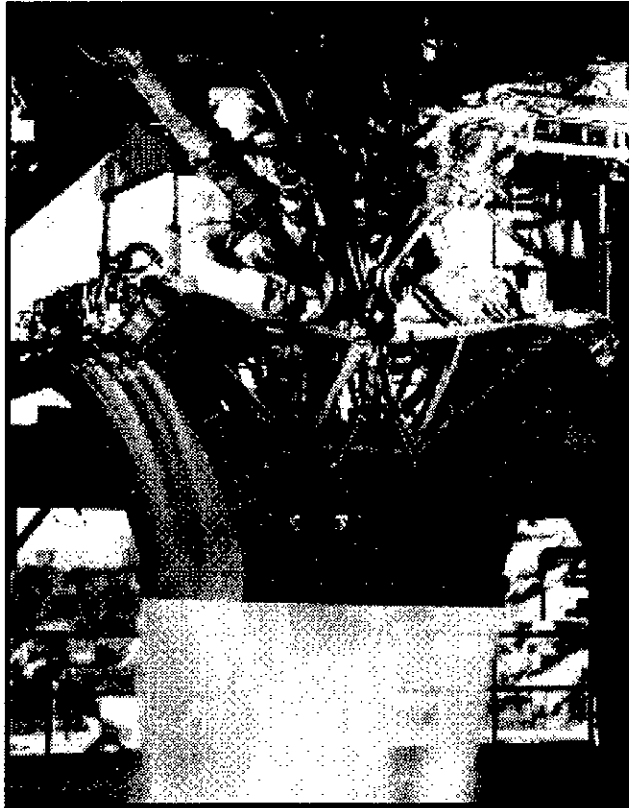
- Full Flow Staged Combustion Cycle
- Ox Rich Preburner
- Fuel Rich Preburner
- Dual Expansion Ratio Fixed Bell Nozzle

#### Supporting Technologies

- FSD Engine Definition
- Ox Rich Turbine Drive
- Gas-Gas Main Injector
- RRTT
- Jet Pumps
- Dual Bell Nozzle
- Robust Light weight Nozzle
- Composite Components
- EMA / Sector Ball Valves
- Health Management
- Catalyst Igniter
- Laser Ignition

#### Technology Base

- STME
- SSME



### ROCKETDYNE - X-33 Aerospike

#### Features

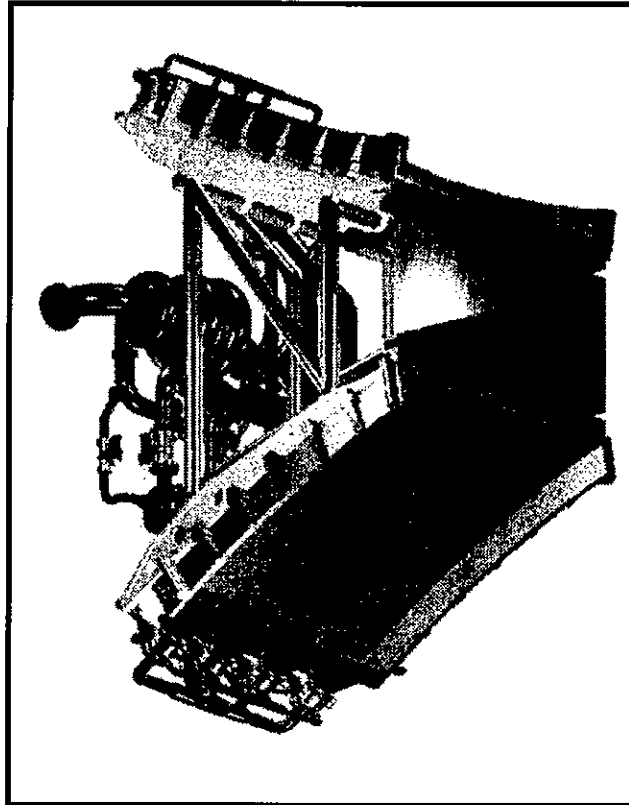
- Gas Generator Cycle
- J-2S Turbomachinery
- Modular Combustion Chambers
- Conformal/Segmented Altitude Compensating Nozzle
- Variable Expansion Ratio

#### Supporting Technologies

- Single Thrust Cells
- Multicell Technology
- Sector Ball Valves/EMAs
- Aerospike Nozzle Development

#### Technology Base

- J-2/J-2S
- SSME
- 60's-70's Aerospike Programs



### ROCKETDYNE - RS2200

#### Features

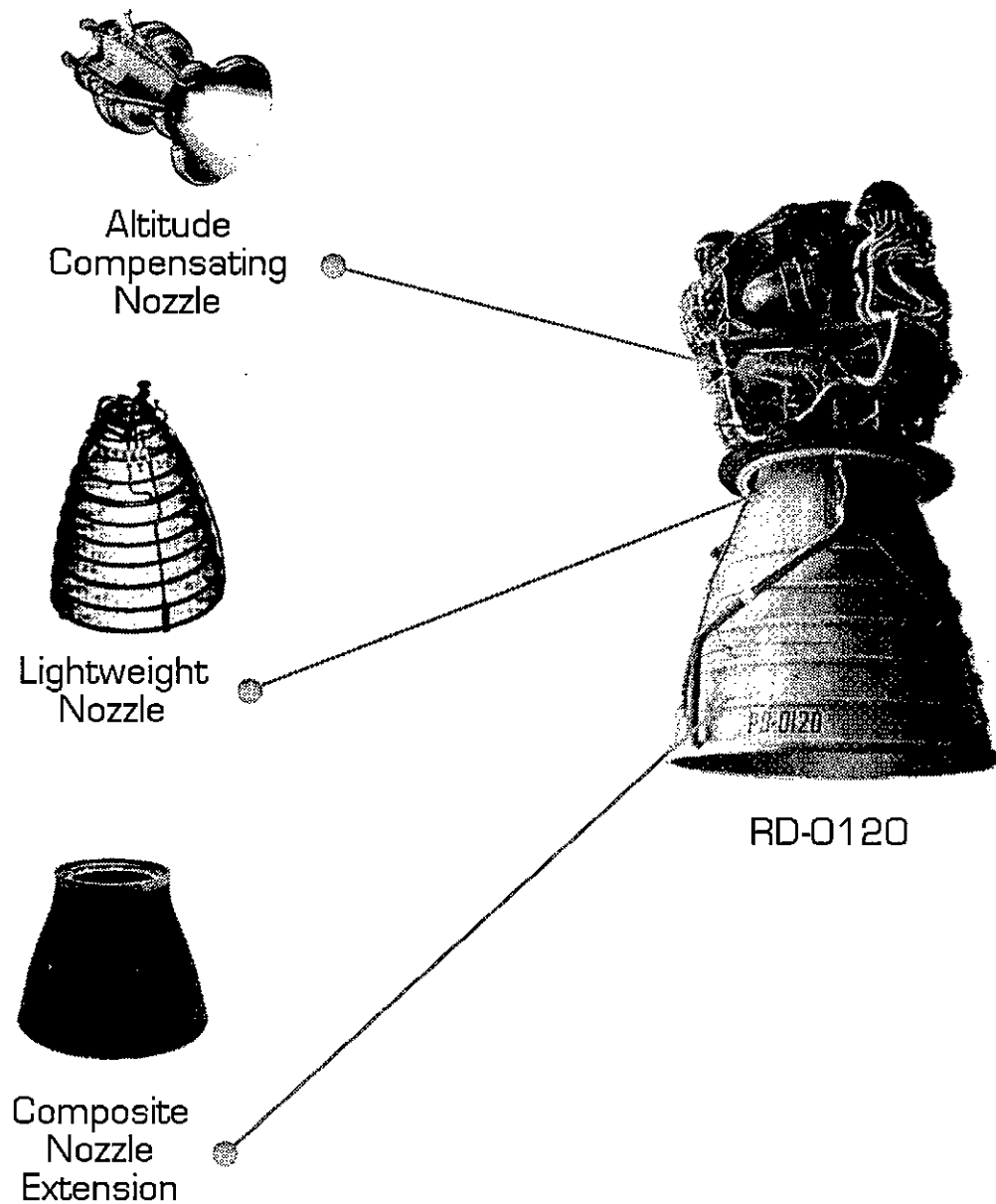
- Gas Generator Cycle
- Modular Combustion Chambers
- Conformal/Segmented Altitude Compensating Nozzle
- Variable Expansion Ratio

#### Supporting Technologies

- Single Thrust Cell Technology
- Multicell Technology
- Aerospike Nozzle Development
- Composite Nozzle/Structure
- RRTT
- Jet Pumps
- EMA / Sector Ball Valves
- Health Management
- Laser ignition

#### Technology Base

- STME
- SSME
- 60's-70's Aerospike



### Additional RD-0102 Technologies

#### *Operability Enhancements*

##### *Breadboard Controller*

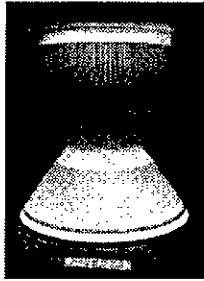


##### *Informed Maintenance Diagnostics & Display*

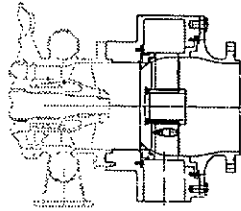


##### *Electromechanical Actuators*





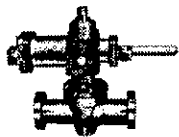
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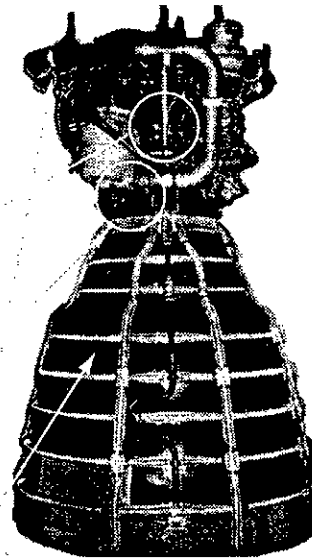
Jet Boost Pumps



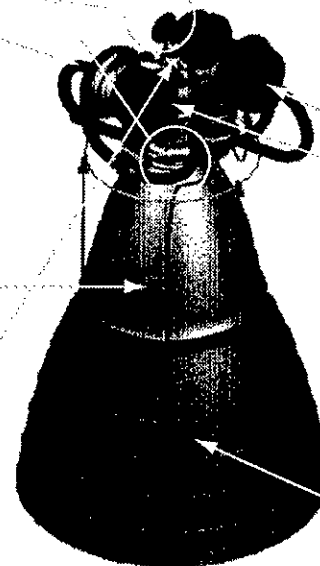
Dual Bell Nozzle



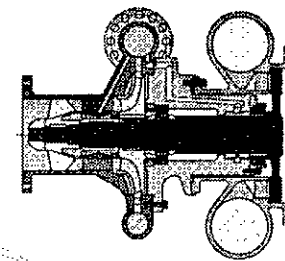
Sector Ball Valves/EMA's



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RS-2100



RRTT



Composite Nozzle Skirt

### Additional RS-2100 Technologies:

- Ox-Rich Turbine Drive
- Gas-Gas Main Injector
- Composite Components
- Health Management
- Catalyst Ignitor
- Laser Ignition